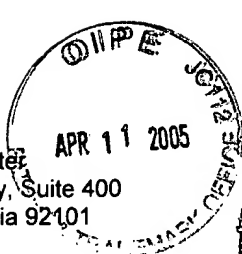


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Title: *Method and System for Inviting and Creating Accounts for  
Prospective Users of an Instant Messaging System*  
Inventor: Mendiola et al.  
Application No.: 09/846,377  
Filing Date: May 2, 2001      Art Unit: 2683  
Examiner: Ewart, James D      Confirmation No.: 3927  
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Please find enclosed the following items:

- 1) an amendment in response to the Office Action dated 01/05/2005 (for a total of 21 unique sheets); and
- 2) a return receipt postcard.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 501037.

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2005, hereinafter, "the Office Action." The Office Action set a shortened period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the Office Action which makes this response due on or before April 5, 2005.

The Application is believed by Applicant to be in proper condition for allowance.  
Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.